Cases Pending in High Courts and the Supreme Court

387. SHRI ATAL BIHARI VAJPAYEE: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of cases pending disposal in various High Courts and the Supreme Court in each of the last three years and the current year as on July 31, High Court-wise;

(b) what results have been achieved since Government had formed various committees, etc. and taken other steps to take the problem of arrears in Supreme Court/High Courts; and

(c) what further measures Government contemplate to find a solution to this colossal problem?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI DINESH GOSWAMI): (a) A statement is attached. *(See below)*

(b) and (c) Disposal of cases in the last few years has shown an upward trend in the High Courts. Besides filling up the vacant posts of judges, Government have constituted a Committee of three Chief justices of High Courts in January, 1989 to study the problem of arrears in Courts and to suggest remedial measures.

Statement

Pendency of cases in the Supreme Court and High Courts

Name of the Court	Pendency of cases as on 31st December of			
	1987	1988	1989	30.6.90
Supreme Court	175748	199138	203158	108379 (Regular and Hearing matters only).
HIGH COURTS				
1. Allahabad	362014	419836	468242	*
2. Andhra Pradesh	80060	73239	72891	62690
3. Bombay	139548	142891	156454	*
4. Calcutta	170038	189338	200925	*
5. Delhi	77447	88973	109495	115930
6. Gauhati	20089	22105	21708	21709
7. Gujarat	59566	67530	74491	*
8. Himachal Pradesh	9633	11537	12712	13576
9. Jammu & Kashmir	37025	39767	42099	*
10. Karnataka	72190	68186	79429	*
11. Kerala	116735	108826	82240	*
12. Madhya Pradesh	56638	59004	61160	48578 (Main)
13. Madras	195443	225636	224417	*
14. Orissa	40444	44381	37330	*

Name of the Court		Pendency of cases as on 31st December of			
		1987	1988	1989	30.6.90
15.	Patna	64110	68382	66857	*
16.	Punjab & Haryana	60962	71942	91789	*
17.	Rajasthan	52998	59374	70455	78927
18.	Sikkim	59	63	45	56
	TOTAL:	1614999	1761010	1872719	

*Not available.

388. [*Transferred to the 22nd August, 1990*]

Cases pending in High Courts and appointment of High Court Judges

389. SHRI PASUMPON THA. KIRUTTINAN:
SHRI V. GOPALSAMY:
SHRI RAJUBHAI A. PARMAR:
SHRIMATI SATYA BAHIN:

Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) how many cases are pending at present in each High Court and among them how many are three, five and ten years old cases, category-wise;

(b) how many vacancies are to be filled up in each High Court as on date;

(c) what are the reasons for not filling up these vacancies;

(d) how many vacancies of Judges have been filled up in each High Court so far, High Courtwise alongwith date of appointments; and

(e) what steps are being taken to fill up the remaining vacancies at an early date?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI DINESH GOSWAMI): (a) The Requisite information is given in the enclosed statement-I. [*See* Appendix CLV, Annexure No. 9]

(b) and (d) The Requisite information is given in the enclosed Statement-II. [*See* Appendix CLV, Annexure No. 10]

(c) and (e) The process of consultation among the concerned constitutional authorities for filling up the vacancies of judges in the High Courts is on.

Foreign Investments

390. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU: Will the Minsiter of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have a proposal to attract more foreign investments in the country; and

(b) if so, what are the special features thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI ANIL SHASTRI): (a) and (b) The foreign investment policy of the Government is guided by our national interest. Such investment will continue to be allowed within the framework of national priorities, especially for purposes of modernisation, meeting critical gaps in technology and production and for boosting exports. Procedures are also being streamlined so that decision-making is speedier and delays are avoided.